

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION

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FACT SHEET
FOR THE
**N. L. Industries Off-Site Residential
Surface Soil Sampling for Lead**

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY

BACKGROUND

To allay community concerns, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), will be sampling surface soils on residential properties in the neighborhoods surrounding the former N.L. Industries facility off Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie. The purpose of the sampling is to determine whether lead contamination from the former N.L. Industries property may be present on nearby residential properties at unacceptable concentrations.

PROPOSED WORK

On the back of this sheet is a figure of the investigation area indicating the locations of properties previously sampled (light yellow triangle) and properties proposed to be sampled (white circle). The proposed sampling locations are tentative (pending landowners permission) and were selected to provide a comprehensive and area wide understanding of the possible airborne lead distribution from the former N.L. Industries facility. This sampling event is not intended to sample every residential property within the study area, but rather to sample a sufficient number of properties to determine if there is a trend in the data.

Two to three samples will be collected from the targeted properties depending on the size of the yard. The samples will be collected by Ecology and Environment, Inc., consultant hired by the NYSDEC. The samples will be analyzed by a private laboratory. Once the data is determined to be usable, the consultant will prepare a draft report presenting the data. This document will include a photolog documenting site activities and findings. This report will be shared with the public. Individual results from each property sampled with an explanation of the findings will be mailed directly to the property owner by the NYSDOH.

NEXT STEPS

This sampling work is scheduled to begin in early October once permission to access the residential properties is obtained. **Your cooperation is requested in allowing our consultant access to your property for the purpose of collecting these samples.** In the next week or so, a State representative will contact a select number of property owners to seek your verbal permission to access your property to collect the samples. If access to a proposed property can not be obtained, then access to an adjacent property will be attempted. Field work will be performed during normal business hours and should take between two and four weeks.

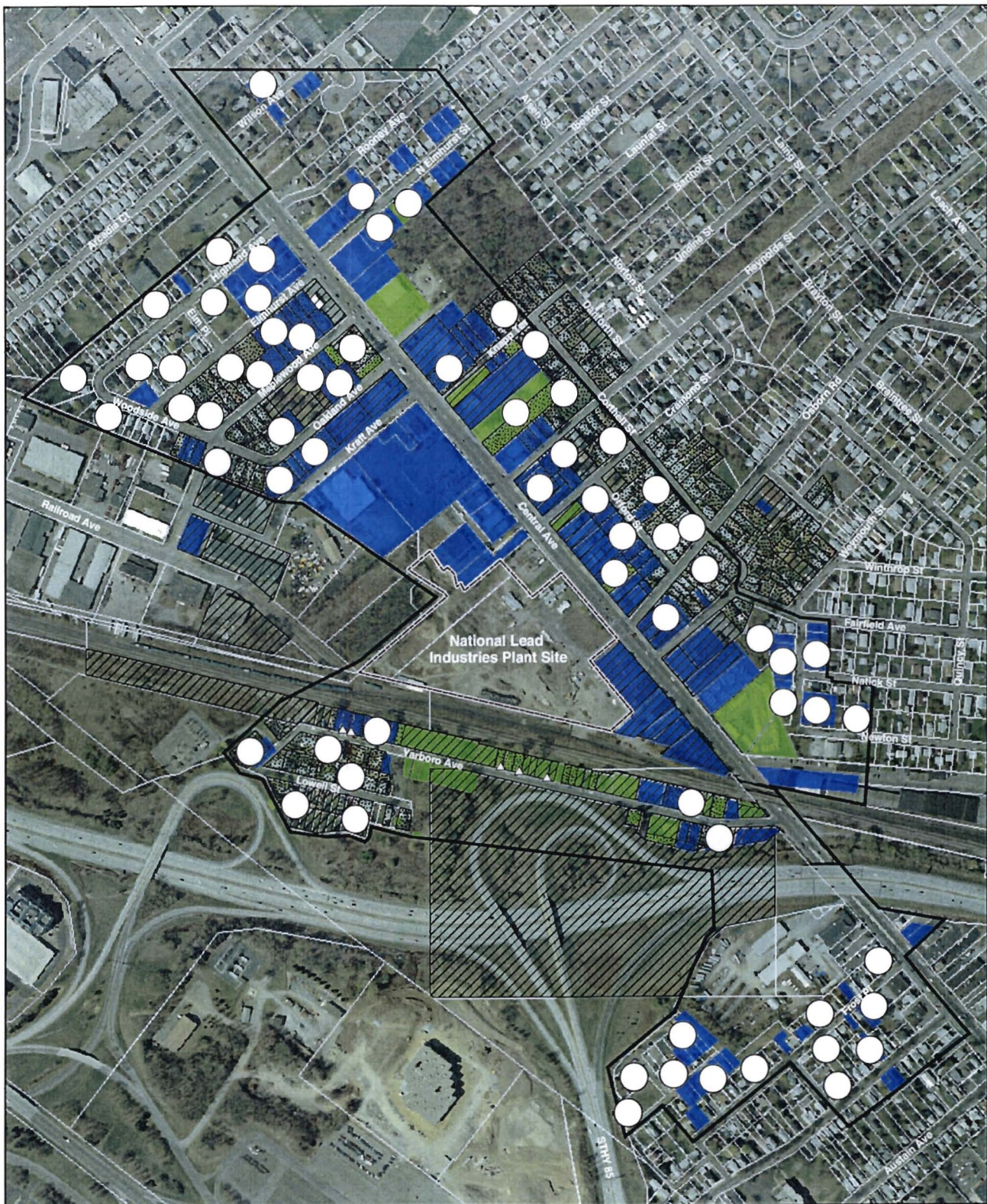
The samples will be analyzed and a report generated. It is anticipated that a draft report would be available in early December. A public availability session would be conducted at that time to discuss the investigation's finding with the public.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For residential sampling concerns, contact **Jim Ludlam**, at (518) 402-9813, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7013 or e-mail to jludlam@gw.dec.state.ny.us

For site related environment concerns, call **Paul Patel**, at (518) 402-8594, NYSDEC.

For site related health concerns, call **Maureen Schuck**, Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation, New York State Department of Health, at (518) 402-7860.



△ Soil Sampling For Lead Conducted By NYSDOH (May 2003) ○ Proposed Surface Soil Sampling Properties □ Approximate Investigation Area ▨ Commercial* ▤ Residential* ▧ Tax Parcel	■ Areas Surveyed, Designated, And Remediated For Depleted Uranium (1984-1988) ■ Areas Surveyed, But Not Designated And Did Not Require Remediation For Depleted Uranium (1984-1988)	Detailed Site and Proposed Sample Location Map National Lead Industries Plant Site IIWA Colonie, NY
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*Data from NYSDOH (some property designations may vary).